

28 October 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR : THE RECORD

SUBJECT : Inter-Departmental Training Group Meeting

These are my notes on the meeting which I attended on 27 October.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. ICA Report on Africa Seminar: Mr. Metaker, ICA, outlined the new Specialist Training for Africa currently being taken by four trainees, and to be extended to eighty ICA trainees in the next three year period. The program consists of two months at Boston University, followed by two months in the U. K., France and Belgium and concluding with two months field observation and study in the sub-Sahara region. The principal consultants appear to be Dean William Brown of Boston University, and Arnold Rivkin from MIT. ICA expects to have 18 people in training shortly, of which 13 will be from the technical field and five from the high-level administrative field.
2. State Task Force to Study "Academy" Proposals: Unless I was dozing at the meeting, this agenda item was not discussed.
3. Agency Training Programs in Our Space Program: [REDACTED] OCB, strongly recommended that personnel going overseas at an ambassador level who might be charged with defending the U. S. space program should definitely spend a day at Langley Field. [REDACTED] emphasized that the whole picture of U. S. space programs can be comprehensively understood by observing the Langley Field layout, and NASA should be willing to permit the viewing.
4. Language Training: Regional Supervisor's Program: Mr. Sollenberger, State, announced that there were now eight people located overseas to train tutors and to assist embassies and posts in establishing and improving post language training on a part time basis. Such training is being given now in 175 places and in 47 languages. In FY 59 almost 4,000 persons took post training overseas and because of increased requirements from ICA and MAAG the number would probably reach 5,000 in FY 60. Sollenberger is preparing a paper announcing further details as to the area of concern for these eight roving

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linguists and languages which can be taught in each area. It was also mentioned that the PSI school at Frankfurt would close in December 59; the school at Mexico City would probably close soon thereafter and the School at Nice was already closed. In lieu of the 12 week programs conducted at these three schools, State plans to concentrate on the 16 week courses locally.

5. Certain Items on U. S. Non-Governmental Personnel Going Overseas:
A State Department representative (I believe Mr. Cobb) announced that special arrangements had been made using International Exchange Service funds to train about 800 from the Fulbright Professional Group in a one week program to be given by State beginning in January 1960. Mention was made that State plans to call on ICA and USIA for speaker assistance in the conduct of this one week program.
6. Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday, 19 April, 11:00 a.m. at FSI

OTHER ITEMS

- A. Mr. Ronhovde, State, mentioned three items of which the School of Foreign Affairs was proud: (1) a rotational program within the U. S. for Labor Officers; (2) the offering of training for wives each month in a two-week course; and (3) placement of two employees in full time training in the administrative field (one at Pitt and one at Syracuse).
- B. [REDACTED] gave some statistics on the Senior Officers Course; expressed appreciation for the cooperation of the Departments of Commerce, Agriculture and Labor in arranging field programs for Senior Officer students and expressed concern that Commerce had no representation in the present student body.
- C. Mr. Benoit, USIA, commented on some progress being made within his Agency to convince promotion panels that trainees engaged in full time language should not be overlooked in comparative deliberations.
- D. Mr. Taylor, Labor, spoke on the terrific administrative burden and red tape complications involved in trying to reimburse State for Labor trainees attending State's early morning classes. Mr. Hays, Commerce, backed up Mr. Taylor and pointed out that for that very reason Commerce enrollment in State's before hours courses had consecutively dropped from nine to six to zero.

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E. [REDACTED] mentioned the training implications in the confidential OCS report entitled "U. S. Personnel Overseas" released last summer. He was of the opinion that this report contained a first policy statement by the President on comportment overseas. Mr. [REDACTED] asked if he could get an opportunity to see a copy of this report. [REDACTED] volunteered to see that all members of the Training Group received a copy and pointed out that 600 copies had already been given to the Department of State.

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F. [REDACTED] also reported that it was not likely that Ellis Island would be used for cultural purposes. A Committee for an International Institute had encountered hard sledding in raising funds for a final bid to purchase Ellis Island (scheduled for 3 December). [REDACTED] reported that it is highly probable that Ellis Island will become an amusement park.

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G. Mr. Kevan, HEW, gave some data on the growth of language institutes and language centers under title VI of the National Defense Education Act.

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H. Present also were Mr. McDaniel, Agriculture; Mr. Sutcliffe, Commerce; [REDACTED] NSA; and the undersigned.

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cc: Director of Training